

(Sri A. Sharanappa)

(c) in view of the largely prevalent frustration among the Government servants of the other Departments, whether Government will enhance the age of superannuation in respect of other Departments also?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) Government have decided to raise the age of superannuation of District Judges, Civil Judges, Munsiffs and all Judicial Officers from 57 to 58 years with effect from 3-8-1972.

(b) This is in keeping with the recommendation of the Law Commission.

(c) This will be examined.

10-00 AM.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE :

MADAM SPEAKER.—The notice given by Sri Bapu Rao Patil cannot be taken up, as the hon. member is absent. As regards the other notice by Sri V. N. Patil, he may move.

(i) *re. menace of red headed caterpillars in Bellary District.*

SRI V. N. PATIL (Humanabad) : Madam, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the menace of Red Headed Hairy Caterpillar pest in Bellary District.

SRI K. H. PATIL.—(Minister for Agriculture and Forests) : I state as follows.

The Department of Agriculture has surveyed the Red Headed Hairy Caterpillar Pest in Bellary District and Government are informed that out of 2,800 acres of groundnut, jowar, and Cotton crops in the villages of Siregere, Dasapur, Siddarampur, Kunchigere and Kudukanoor of Siruguppa Taluk of Bellary District, an area of about 150 acres has been affected and the pest is in its initial stage. It is some what severe in Siregere village. The farmers have been advised on adoption of preventive and curative measures and to dust Malathion 5% Parathion 2% or BHC 10% at 10 kg per acre and to take up spraying with D.D.V.P. (NUVAN) or endrin 20 EC at a later stage. Government are also informed that the extent of attack ranges from 2% to 10%.

This pest is an endemic pest and is therefore, a localised one. There is therefore, no likelihood of its being spread to other areas.

The Red Headed Hairy Caterpillar is a common pest in the area and is known to each and every farmer as it appears almost every year. The farmers have been cautioned well in advance about the occurrence of the pest and measures to be taken up to control it. They have also been educated by issuing leaflets and announcements in the News paper etc. The pest is the one that can be controlled without much efforts and there is no reason to be panicky about it.

There are however, some farmers who are not coming forward to purchase the pesticides to the required extent and at the selling rates to control the pest. They want the pesticides to be supplied to them at subsidised rate as was done during the last year. Government have taken a policy decision to do away with the subsidies and it is found that the agriculturists by and large are in a position to purchase the pesticides at the rates at which they are sold. I take this opportunity to inform the Hon'ble House that the Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation have been advised to make pesticides available at reasonable rates to the ryots at all centres.

In such areas where the Farmers have not taken up the control measures, the damage done to crops, especially, groundnut ranges up to 30%, in some cases the farmers are persuaded by the Department to buy the Chemicals and to take up control measures immediately. It is expected that the ryots will need to the advice of the Department and take prompt measures to save the affected crops.

4 Metric Tons of Malathion 5% Dust and 200 liters of Malathion 50% in liquid form are presently available in Sirigere village. The Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation has taken steps to move sufficient and additional quantities of pesticides to these areas for being supplied to the Agriculturists in the affected areas. Government hope that with these measures the ryots will get the necessary relief and would be in a position to control the pests and stop its further spread.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಜನರಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಿಮಿನಾಶಕಗಳನ್ನು ಸಬ್ಸಿಡ್ಡೆಡ್ ರೇಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವುದು ಹುಳುಗಳು ಒಂದು ಭಾಗದಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹರಡುವುವು, ಅದನ್ನು ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ ಜನರೇಷನ್ ಸ್ಪಾಟ್ ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುವುದು. ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಇದನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ಶಕ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಧ ಏಕರನ್ನು ರೈತರಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಇನ್ಸರ್ಫ ಸರಕಾರ ಹಾಕುವುದೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರ ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿ ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ಬಂದ ಮಾದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರ ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿ ಕೊಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಬಂದ ಮಾತನಾಗಿದೆ.

(ii) *Re : Damage caused by the wild elephants in the villages of Belur Taluk.*

SRI S. H. PUTTARANGANATH (Belur).—Madam, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the damage caused by the wild elephants in the villages of Belur Taluk.